

Certification Of Facsimile Transmission

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

NOV 28 2006

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to (571) 273-8300 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2006.


Frances Doyle

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Toru KUWAHARA
Filed: June 7, 2001
For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD...**
Serial Number: 09/876,884
Confirmation No.: 7823
Examiner: Kirsten Sachwitz Apple
Art Unit: 3628
Attorney Docket No.: 100809-16268 (SCET 18.735)

November 28, 2006

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sirs:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 28, 2006, and following the Advisory Action mailed on November 20, 2006, please extend the response period one month and reconsider the subject application based on the following:

- I. Amendments to the claims appear on page 2 of this paper;
- II. Remarks appear on page 11 of this paper; and
- III. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this paper.